

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, October 8, 2018
5:00 p.m Special Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Sally Beatty, President; Ahmad Sulaiman; Secretary; Christopher Edmonds; Laura Biesel; Lou Paskalides; James Chow (late 5:15)

Members Absent: none

In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent

Dr. Beatty, Board President, called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 5:01 p.m.

Reception of Visitors

No visitors were present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Board Member Comments

Mr. Paskalides requested that before heading to the closed session, the Board closed session agenda be modified to add, "2(c)11 probable or imminent litigation."

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Laura Biesel to move to closed session according to 5 ILCS120/2(c) 3 "The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance." and 11 "Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting."

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Edmonds, Laura Biesel, Mr. Paskalides

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Chow

Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 5:05 p.m.

Return to Open Session: 8:09 p.m.

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Action Item

Appointment of Interim to the Butler School District 53 Board

Dr. Beatty stated the Board would skip over the action item and continue to item 6. Dr. Wennstrom pointed out that item 6 is a discussion item. Dr. Beatty asked if in lieu of where the board is at with action item 5 if they should postpone the discussion of action item 6. Item 6 was postponed until a full board is present.

Discussion

Mr. Paskalides made a statement that he believes there is a signed contract and board emails that are in violation of the open meetings act and board policy. "It is unlawful to take action outside a public meeting. This Board of Education needs to act ethically and with integrity. I cannot be associated with or be a party to these unethical actions. I want this matter to be investigated. I demand that Dr. Wennstrom get any board of education emails and/or staff emails that are associated with this matter and protect and preserve them. Consent cannot be given in an email for public money to be spent by a board member or for a contract to be signed. I listened to the last meeting recorded in open session and heard that Sally and Laura were going to take the lead in the search. No other action was taken in open. Per an email I received, it is my understanding that a contract may have been entered into by our newly installed President. Ray & Associates have us listed as a client on their website. This is what I believe is unethical behavior and I will not be a party to it."

Mr. Chow asked Mr. Paskalides, "What is the remediation you want to offer?" Mr. Paskalides requested an investigation.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to adjourn the special meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Chow, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Paskalides

Motion carried.

Sally Beatty, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

Approved by the BOE at the 10/15/2018 regular meeting.